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February 19, 2008 – Insurance Commissioner Roger Sevigny announces the launch of a redesigned New Hampshire Insurance Department website that sports a new look, easier navigation, and an expansion of price comparisons for consumers called the “New Hampshire Rate Resource.” With a simple click of the mouse, consumers can now also compare auto and homeowner premium rate scenarios from a selection of companies using the New Hampshire Rate Resource at www.nh.gov/insurance. The New Hampshire Rate Resource consists of three cost comparison tools - NH Auto Cost, NH Homeowner Cost and NH Healthcost.

The Insurance Department previously established the innovative web-based cost comparison tool NH Healthcost. It was the first tool available nation-wide to allow the public to compare health care prices. This tool is also featured on the new web site, and provides the public with a means to compare price information on the cost of common health care services across different hospitals and physicians and insurance carriers.

The New Hampshire Rate Resource is a part of the newly redesigned Insurance Department web site, that contains extensive information to help insurance consumers learn about the Department as well as a wide variety of insurance products and features. The site also allows the industry easier access to information needed to do business in New Hampshire, and permits the public and industry to electronically file a number of items with the Department, including consumer complaints.

“Our new website and its New Hampshire Rate Resource feature will make it easy for consumers to get the information they need to make informed insurance and health care decisions. We’re particularly proud that the new site is easy to navigate and contains a wealth of information to make shopping for insurance and understanding insurance products much easier for the general public.” said Sevigny. The new site contains links to valuable information on related topics like disaster preparedness, Medicare and a prescription drug price finder tool. “We hope everyone in New Hampshire will take

advantage of all the useful information on our new web site. A well informed public is our goal.” said Commissioner Sevigny.

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ABOUT THE NH INSURANCE DEPARTMENT

The first insurance regulator in the US, the NH Insurance Department was created in 1851 and charged with enforcing and administering New Hampshire’s insurance laws. The department, an agency of the executive branch of New Hampshire state government, conducts safety and soundness and market conduct examinations of licensees, licenses insurance companies and insurance producers, reviews premium rates and policy forms, provides assistance, information and referral services to New Hampshire insurance consumers, and administers the filing and collection of New Hampshire’s insurance premium tax. For more information, visit the Insurance Department’s web site at: www.nh.gov/insurance.